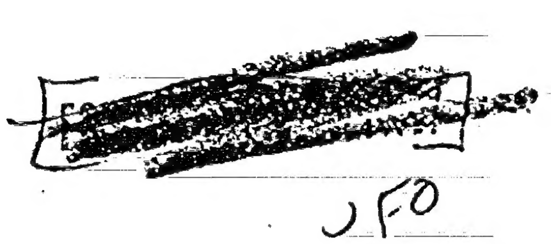
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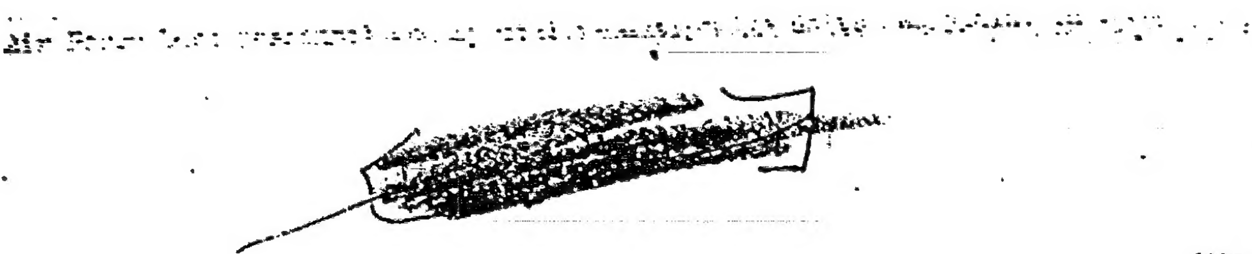
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"It has not been possible to determine whether the observation is purely an optical illusion or not. It can be added, however, that a resident of Bromma, Thorsten Haakansson, reports that between 0528 and 0543 hours on 6 March he saw the so-called phantom satellite, 1960 Alpha, with binoculars through a window facing on the west. But in his case also the satellite moved a little peculiarly as seen from the observer's location: 'I observed the satellite in the north-northwest and it was moving in a horizontal direction . . . . (but) then it went straight down at a right angle and disappeared.'"

The sighting by the crew of the Sundsvall-bound airplane mentioned above was originally reported in Dagens Nyheter of 7 March, page 9, under the title "Moving Light Phenomenon Is Believed to Be Satellite". The full text of that article follows.

"According to a radio report to Midlanda Airport outside

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"Light phenomena which may originate from a satellite have also been observed over Stockholm. It was reported to Dagens Nyheter from Lidingoe that on two evenings in succession a moving point of light had been observed at 2230 hours in a south-southwesterly direction and 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon."